WRITING THE SERMON.

Friday Is the Minister's Day For Performing This Task.

Probably few of the good people who listen with rapt attention to the sermon which is preached to them each Sunday, says the Denver Post, know that for nearly 300 years Friday has been the time honored day for the pastor to go into his study, write the sermon which is to furnish "food for thought" to the congregation on the following Sunday. In speaking of this custom a clergyman says:

"When Christianity was first promulgated all preaching was done extenporaneously. Such a thing as preparing a sermon was unknown. Many gifted men expressed their views on various subjects, then added a few words of good advice to their listeners. This practice is still continued in the Roman Catholic church of the present day, and I think that a very limited number of the priests ever write a sermon. Not all ministers, however, adhere to this rule by any means. When Henry Ward Beecher was asked on what day he prepared his sermon, he 'On Sunday morning, of

" Well, Mr. Beecher, don't you think that is a rather dilatory habit for you to get into? asked another.

"Oh no, not at all,' replied Mr. Beecher in his quick way. 'You see, I look as a sermon like some do on a pancake. They can be served hot or cold, and I like mine hot; that's all."

His Friend Geoffrey,

The following story, told by the Washington Post, leads us to wonder which to condemn first, the boaster or his crities. It concerns a certain man who has a large collection of auto-

Indeed, the envy and sometimes the skepticism of his friends have been exelted by the number of successful authors who have set down familiar and flattering inscriptions in his books, Some carpers have even gone so far as to hint darkly at a similarity of handwriting throughout the collection.

He recently purchased a rare edition of Chaucer, and one evening when a party was gathered at the house the precious book was passed from hand to hand. The owner lost sight of it, but the next morning he found it lying on his library table.

On the tly leaf was inscribed; "To Jack - , from his old friend and schoolmate, Geof. Chancer,"

Wit of Horne Tooke,

It is said that Horre Tooke, who excelled in that duellike controversy exhibited by two disputants when pitted against each other with only the breadth of a mahogany board between them, was exceedingly quick and sharp When he made his most deadly thrusts, it was with a smiling countenance and without seeming effort or emotion. Replying to a man who contended that only landowners should be allowed to vote at elections, he said, "Pray tell me how many acresdoes it take to make a wiscaere?" When asked by George III, whether he ever played eards, he replied, "I cannot, your majesty, tell a king from a knave." What can be more uniquely than his saying to his brother; "You and I, my dear brother, have inverted the laws of nature. You have risen in the world by your gravity, and I have fallen by my levity?"-Saturday

The World's Largest Crab. How would you like to have a crab

like this squeezing your toe when you go bathing? The gigantic Japanese crab, measuring twelve feet, is proba bly the largest crustacean in the world. The specimen is a type of the spider erab, which inhabits the waters of the group of islands forming the emptre of Japan. The body portion is the size of a half bushel measure, while its two great arms or "feelers" could easily encircle the figure of a man. Its eight arms or legs resemble huge bamboo poles and are extremely clastic, and if strung into one line they would reach to the top of a four story apartment building one of the extraordinary peculiarities of this erab is the faculty of assuming a disguise by affixing pieces of seaweed and sponges to the body

Norway Hotel System.

There is a capital hotel system in vogue in certain parts of Norway. In villages where no hotel exists one of the more prominent inhabitants is subsidized by the Norwegian government and in return is bound to provide accommodation for not less than four travelers. He may take in four if he chooses, but four is the minimum. The accommodation and food supplied are excellent, and the charges are very moderate.

The Drop Curtain. A youngster had been to the theater, and upon his return his uncle asked him how he liked the play. "Oh," he replied, "the play was all

right, but I didn't see nearly all of it." "Why, now did that happen?" asked his uncle.

"Because," answered the youngster, "the roller must have been broke, for the window blind fell down two or three times?"- Chums.

A Fair Exchange.

Editor-See here, Mr. Dolan, You delivered me a food of hay for the six years' subscription you owed for my Mr. Dolan-Oi did.

Editor Well, my horse won't est

Mr. Dolan-Well, my goat won't eat your paper, be gobs!-Puck.

The average man is always anxious to meet the fool killer for the purpose of sending him next door.-Chicago

The Wary Purchaser. Mrs. Youngwed And what are these? Dealer-Sait mackerel, mum, Mrs. Y .- Are they quite fresh?-Chi-

cago News.

"MAD ANTHONY" WAYNE. He Was the Sanest, Coolest Soldier

In Washington's Army. John R. Spears in Harper's demonstrates that General Wayne, commonly known as "Mad Anthony," was in reality the sanest, coolest soldier in Washington's army. "They called the hero of Stony Point

and the Maurice rapids Mad Anthony Wayne," says Mr. Spears, "The title was originated by an Irish soldier who had been confined in the guardhouse at the order of the general, and it was taken up by the people because of the wild enthusiasm and determination with which Wayne led his men when the supreme moment of battle came. But observe that when the war of the Revolution impended he 'ransacked history' for accounts of buttles that he might learn military tacties, and he gave his days to the training of his neighbors. At Stony Point he led his men in spite of his wound but in proparing for the battle he appealed to the pride of his men by paradic, them elean shaved and with fair well pow dered, white the prelim plans metal. ed even the skingheer of the dogs, that no yeap should betray the approach of the assaulting host. When in Virginia, charged the hosts of Cornwallis with only 500 men to back him; when in Ohio, where the honor of the nation and the integrity of its territory were outputted to his care, he to do a legacaof boys and miscreauts' gathered from the string and trained their man their kill with the musket equaled if it is not surpass, that or the most inbackwoods Indian fighters

"Mad Anthony Wayne as a leadin battle was unsurpassed, int m should also be remembered that his record as a drill master is unequality.

A Witty Reply.

Whenever the United States supported court, on hearing the argument counsel for plaintiff in error, is claired satisfied that he has no ease they justice is apt to say to commist for fendant in error that the court does be are to hear further argument. At each time Hon, Matthew Carpenter (Sor Wisconsin was counsel for plants error and opened the case. Before b was through the court was satisfied that there was nothing in it, and so when he had concluded and for defendant in error arose Class Justice Waite said, "The court does not care to hear any further argument." Counsel was a little deaf and, al hough noticing that the chief justice spoke, did not hear what he had said and, turning to Mr. Chapetiter, who sat beside him, asked what had been

"Oh, hang it?" replied Carpenter in ones audible to the bench. "The chief justice said he would rather give you the case than hear you talk."-Youth's

Walters Who Get Most Tips. Walters who receive the most tips, iys the Chicano Inter Ocean, are usu-

illy these who have everlasting and Job like patience, those who do not asily take an insult, who ever have a seasant smile for their patrons, who ty surfacely to please them and are dways ready to accommodate every die. A waiter should never place himelf in a position of expectancy in the matter of receiving a tip and should avoid approaching a guest if he sees am in the act of drawing change from s an object of pity with a view to seuring a tip. If he deserves a tip, he bould let the guest feel within himself hat he deserves it, and if the guest vishes to give him a tip he will usually canage to eatch the waiter's attention or leave the tip beside the plate. Should the waiter receive a tip previous to waiting on the guest, he should leave it lying on the table and then do his level best to earn it.

The American from "Plant." The Englishman was being properly surprised at the rapidity with which

he skyscraper was going up. "Deah me!" he exclaimed, "it seems as if your buildings grow as rapidly as

"Yes, replied the westerner unblush ingly, "and the process of raising them s much the same "Fawney! Won't you explain fur

"Well, you see, we just get an iron plant, put it in the ground, have the street sprinklers water it, and in a month or six weeks the skyscraper is full grown.

And, taking another breath, the cousin from overseas managed to believe it. Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Bedford the Foundation.

The Celestial City is clearly the fabric of Bunyan's own imagination, an elaboration most probably of the town of P. drord, which, though not a walled had its gates fixed here and there and the town in troublesome times. inteways on the old Bedford within which Bunyan was imoned for so long and through which be passed times out of number, must hem foremost in the mind of the reat dressner. Bookman.

Effective,

Bjenks -Do you believe in the possibility of the cure of disease by sug-

Bjinks Why, certainly, I was feelng pretty siek last week and my wife suggested that I go to a doctor, and It cured me right away. Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

The Only Way to Prove It. "Which do you think should be more highly esteemed, money or brains?" "Brains," unswered Senator Sor-

ghum. "But nowadays the only way a than can convince people that he has brains is to get money."-Washington

Our Aristoerney. "She claims, I believe, to be descend-

ed from a king." "Yes. Before her grandfather struck it rich he was known as the poker king of White Hoss Plats."- Chicago Record-Herald.

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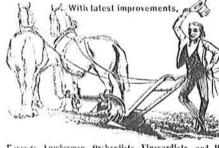
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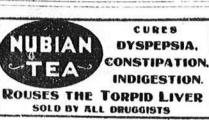
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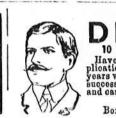
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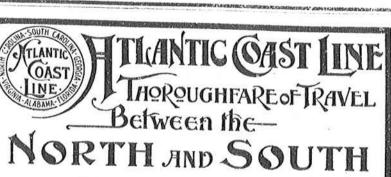
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